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Exhibition Opens of Photographs by Paul Strand

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An exhibition of 63 photographs by American photographer Paul Strand (1890–1976), a member of the circle of artists around Alfred Stieglitz in New York from 1915 to the 1920s, has opened at the Library of Congress. Entitled "The Spirit of Place: Photographs

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by Paul Strand," the exhibit focuses on Strand's concern with the character of working people, their land, and their artifacts, in four regions: Mexico (1932–1934), New England (1927–1947), France (1950–1969), and Italy (1952–1954).

The early work of Paul Strand showed the influence of such artists as Picasso, Braque, and Brancusi. During the Depression and World War II, his interest in national character and political ideas grew to include "the plain people of the world." In all but his earliest work, which is displayed in an introductory section, Paul Strand maintained that he had no aesthetic objectives, only aesthetic means to social ends. Yet his images are among the most formally sophisticated and complex in American photography, and they mark his place as a pioneer of American modernism.

The photographs on display were selected from the Master Printing Project—a joint project of the Library of Congress, the Silver Mountain Foundation, and the Center for Creative Photography at the University of Arizona in Tucson to produce prints from 600 of Paul Strand's negatives—as well as from portfolios he supervised and rare vintage prints held by the Silver Mountain Foundation, the administrator of his estate.

Center for the Book Commissions Oral History Project

An oral and written history of institutional changes in the book world since World War II has been commissioned by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. The author will be Robert W. Frase, an economist and former director of the Washington, D.C., office of the Association of American Publishers.

The project's focus will be on the development of Federal legislation affecting publishing and libraries. Topics will include postal rates, copyright, tariff bills, censorship, statistics, taxation, Federal appropriations for libraries, and international agreements in several of these fields. Major participants in these developments will be interviewed on tape. A Center for the Book *ad hoc* committee will provide advice as the project develops. Suggestions for specific subjects to be covered and persons to be interviewed are welcome and should be sent to the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress or directly to Mr. Frase at 6718 Montour Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043, telephone (703) 532-8239.

Mr. Frase has had firsthand experience in many of the developments to be described in the history. After serving as an economist and administrator in several government agencies, in 1950 he became a representative of the book publishing industry in Washington, D.C., serving the Association of American Publishers (AAP) and its predecessor organizations in various capacities. In 1972 he left the position of vice president and director of the AAP Washington office.
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Bruce Tapper, Editor

Senator Pressler Presents Music To Archive of Folk Culture

Pictured with Senator Pressler (right) are Peter Bridge (center), chief, Exchange and Gift Division, and Alan Jabbour, director, American Folklife Center.

Senator Larry Pressler of South Dakota visited the Library December 12 to present a collection of old-time fiddle tunes to the Archive of Folk Culture. The recordings were created by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Foss of Yankton, S.Dak., who for many years have organized the South Dakota and Open Old Time Fiddlers Contest.

Directors of National Libraries Meet in Sri Lanka To Discuss Resource Sharing in Asia and Oceania

Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa of Sri Lanka welcomed delegates, observers, and local librarians to the third International Conference of Directors of National Libraries on Resource Sharing in Asia and Oceania held November 18–23, 1985, at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall in Colombo, Sri Lanka. In his address, the prime minister called on librarians to work out "strategies to counter mass illiteracy, mass poverty, and lack of information sources and trained personnel." He noted that he also holds the portfolio of Minister of Local Government and as such is responsible for over 500 public libraries located throughout the country which are in the business of educating the citizenry as well as providing them with useful information and knowledge. He observed moreover that the idea of resource sharing was nothing new to Asian agricultural societies which had, over the ages, emphasized the sharing of the fruits of cooperative and collaborate efforts. "Libraries," he said, "can fire the imagination of readers and foster their creative abilities . . . and thus contribute to human development both spiritual and material."

Prime Minister Premadasa was followed by Ranil Wickramasinghe, Minister of Education and Youth Affairs, who remarked that national libraries in Asia were institutions adapted from European and American models, but because of disparate historical developments and variations in the allocation of economic resources inevitable differences would characterize their development.

Lionel Jayatilake, Minister of Educational Services, under whose aegis the National Library Services Board and the National Library of Sri Lanka operate, traced the history of the development of the national library program, declaring that the presence of the Prime Minister at the opening ceremony demonstrated the importance placed by the government on libraries as educational and cultural institutions. (A full page of messages from these three government leaders and from S. Atukorala, chairman, Sri Lanka Library Services Board, appeared in the Colombo *Daily News* on November 18.)

Masahiro Arao, Librarian, National Diet Library (NDL), Japan, traced the history of the triennial Conference of Directors of National Libraries of Asia and Oceania (CDNL–A/O) since the first meeting in Canberra, Australia, in 1979, and the second in Tokyo in 1983. He noted that the conference had fostered permanent ties among national libraries in the region and had led to improved international cooperation. He also invited all participants to attend the General Conference of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) to be convened in Tokyo in 1986.

Niltotange Amarasinghe, Director, National Library of Sri Lanka, closed the opening ceremony by observing that while the National Library Services Board which he serves concurrently as secretary is vested with authority over all aspects of library services in Sri Lanka, nevertheless its main function is development of the National Library of Sri Lanka. He said that national libraries had focused in the past almost exclusively on services to scholars, but that significant attitudinal changes in the mid-20th century had led to broader concepts of service, not only to all the people of a country but also to readers everywhere through exchange and interlibrary lending.

Following the opening ceremony, the 16 official delegates, nine official observers from abroad, and 17 local observers adjourned to a conference room in the Bandaranaike complex to discuss, during the four following days, "potential technological and other facets of regional library cooperation for a viable library and information service in the member countries." (Invited but not attending were the national librarians of New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of Korea, and Vietnam.)

Among the official observers from abroad were representatives of Unesco, IFLA, the Asian Development Bank, the British Library, the Lenin State Library, and the Library of Congress.

The first two papers presented at the conference focused on international cooperation activities of the national librarians of Japan and Australia in recent years. Thus, Mr. Arao listed, among other accomplishments, the issuance of the A/O *Newsletter*, which appears periodically as a section of the National Diet Library *Newsletter* and which provides news of international activities of libraries in Asia and Oceania. When P. B. Mangla, Professor of Library Science, University of Delhi, and IFLA representative, suggested the possibility of the A/O *Newsletter* being issued as an independent publication, Mr. Arao responded that while he thought the suggestion an eminently sensible one, he regretted that it would not be possible for NDL to support such a publication at this time.

W. D. Thorn, Assistant Director-General, Reference Division, National Library of Australia, spoke on developments in his library since 1982, emphasizing the work of the Regional Co-operation Program established in 1980 and budgeted currently at A$80,000 annually. These funds are used to place Australian imprints as gifts to national libraries of the region; to support a general library services program providing

computerized database searches and interlibrary lending services; and to administer a cooperative projects program, providing work experience, training, and study visits for librarians in the region.

Ashin Das Gupta's paper, on the Indian National Library, which he serves as Director, focused on the related problems of acquiring "books and journals on India in any language, published anywhere in the world," in compiling a national bibliography on India and in Indic languages, and of preserving the national heritage. He called upon neighboring national libraries in South Asia to work together on such projects as a retrospective union catalog of South Asian publications and in cooperative efforts to locate, catalog, and preserve not only printed materials but manuscripts and works of art.

Three papers by the national librarians of the Maldives, Bhutan, and Nepal provided graphic insights into the problems faced by national libraries at early developmental stages of their existence. All three were established during the post-World War II period. Thus, Habeeba Hussain Habeeb of the Republic of the Maldives indicated that the major problems for her National Library were an inadequate building with a leaky roof shared with another government agency lacking proper space for reading rooms and shelving and a lack of qualified staff. The library was originally established in 1945 as a room in a literary and social club holding a "few cupboards lined with books" and open only to members of the club. Problems facing Lopen Pemala in administering the National Library of Bhutan, established in 1969, on the other hand, include the need to enact a legal deposit law to provide for the acquisition of all Bhutanese imprints, the compilation of a national bibliography, a cooperative microfilming venture to bring together works of Bhutanese and Tibetan literature, and reprinting of xylographic works representing the national cultural heritage. All of these ventures are hindered by a severe lack of professionally trained librarians. According to Madhusudan Sharma Subedi, Chairman, Nepal National Library, similar problems beset his library of 75,000 volumes, established in 1955. He expects passage of a copyright law to improve acquisitions of national imprints, but a lack of qualified staff hinders not only the development of a national bibliography but also the efficient overall operations of the library.

In his paper, "National Library in a Developing Country: Role and Functions," K. M. Karim, Director, Directorate of Archives and Libraries, Bangladesh, provided a theoretical model for national libraries which have emerged in newly independent states. He suggested that leadership roles should be assumed in the development of a national acquisition policy; in compiling national bibliographies and other bibliographic works; in providing reference service; in creating and maintaining a national book development policy; in acting as a national preservation and conservation center; and in serving as a focal point of nationwide resource sharing.

D. E. K. Wijasuriya, Acting Director General, National Library, Malaysia, provided a detailed analysis of the role and functions of national libraries with special reference to Malaysia. He concluded that "national libraries, particularly in the developing countries, have a crucial role to play in overall national development," but that Western models are not necessarily the best ones to follow. In Malaysia, he had noted that infrastructure developments—the promotion of public library services for example—are among the most important functions of the national library.

Tan Xiangjin, Deputy Director, National Library of China, described the main functions of his library: (1) serving as the general depository of Chinese language publications wherever published; (2) serving as the national bibliographic center through such means as the provision of catalog cards and compilation of the Chinese national bibliography scheduled for publication in 1987; (3) serving as the center for the automation, networking, and standardization of library services; (4) disseminating information and knowledge through reference services; and (5) serving as the center for international interlibrary lending and exchange of publications.

Alex Ng described the Regional Services Department Public Library System of Hong Kong which he directs as Chief Librarian, noting that his department provides library service in the New Territories which has, since 1972, embarked on an ambitious program of creating new towns for a burgeoning population.

In a paper which stimulated a lively discussion from the floor, S. R. Korale, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Colombo, reviewed the historical development of libraries and library services in Sri Lanka since the 19th century, analyzing the legislative foundations on which libraries function, and stressing the unplanned nature of the growth of the system as well as the limitations of the legislation supporting the National Library Services Board under which the National Library functions. She pointed out the need for changes in existing legislation in order for the board and the National Library to effectively discharge their multifarious responsibilities in providing library services throughout the country to all segments of the library community.

Following the presentation of the above papers, which generally covered overall issues faced by national libraries in Asia, the conferees turned their attention to papers on specific problem areas. The first of these was a report by Kullasap Gesmankit, Director,

STAFF NEWS

Union Celebrates with Mitten Tree And Call for Award Nominations

The Union 2477 Christmas celebration included the "Mitten Tree" and the unveiling of its Helping Hands Award, to be presented next month. Needy children of the Carver Elementary School received the mittens that were donated to decorate the tree. Union members Ramon Winters and Douglas Postell (above left) acquired and set up the live tree for the Union's bi-monthly luncheon seminar on December 28.

During the program, the Library's Equal Employment Opportunity Officer Alfred McEwen (above right) sang an a capella solo of "Poor Little Jesus Boy." The Helping Hands Award was also unveiled. This award for "the most helpful coworker" features Albrecht Dürer's "Praying Hands" custom framed in walnut with double matting. Engraved bronze commemorative plaques indicate the award title and the year and name of the winner.

The announcement of the winner, originally scheduled to be made at the December program, has been changed to next month and the deadline for nominations extended to February 10. Rather than an essay now, only a list of 10 characteristics of "The Most Helpful Coworker" is required for a union member to nominate any employee for the Helping Hands Award. Lists should be sent to the Union 2477 Office, LM G43.

The member nominating the winner will get to keep a fine brass candleholder. The Helping Hands Award winner must return the award to Union 2477 at the end of the year so it can rotate to a new winner.

Bill Stevens (above) and his wife, of Bethesda, Md., donated this tree for the Library's Great Hall Christmas decorations last month. (Photograph by Michael Reges.)

Program for Library Staff on Federal Employment of Hispanic Americans

A program on "The Employment of Hispanic Americans in the Federal Government" has been scheduled for Thursday, January 30, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Mumford Room. The purpose of the program is to bring about heightened awareness among Library staff members concerning the Hispanic Employment Program (HEP) and the responsibilities supervisors face with regard to issues surrounding the employment of Hispanic Americans.

The program, sponsored by the Library's Hispanic Employment Program, will be presented by Jim Carr, head of EEO Programs at the Navy Civilian Personnel Command and formerly chairperson of the Washington, D.C., Hispanic Employment Council. This presentation will provide an excellent opportunity for supervisors and staff to become informed in this area of employment. Mr. Carr has extensive experience with the issues surrounding the employment of Hispanic Americans and has conducted training sessions and addressed audiences on many occasions.

Staff members should be encouraged to attend this official program of the Library with permission from their supervisors.

Cooking Club Holds Annual Christmas Luncheon

Getting the 1985 LC–WRA Annual Cooking Club Christmas Luncheon into full swing is Maurvene Williams (above), collections development officer, Congressional Research Service (CRS), as she checks the main course of turkey scallopini in the oven. Looking on (right) is Jeanne Hamilton, research administrator, CRS. Also shown (background, left) is Peter de la Garza, coordinator of Hispanic acquisitions, Exchange and Gift Division.

Official duties during the luncheon included the installation of the new Cooking Club officers: vice president and president-elect, Diana Spurling (left), Library Environment Resources Office; president Laverne Page, African and Middle Eastern Division; treasurer, Vivian Fitzgerald, Processing; and secretary, Esther Cashion, Copyright. Shown here is the traditional presentation of the spoon to the incoming president. In July 1950, club member Helen Bullock gave the club this solid-silver, handmade soupspoon to be passed on as a symbol of office. Ms. Bullock had acquired the spoon, engraved with the date 1807, from an old Virginia family in the 1930s. The hallmarks on the spoon include a double-headed eagle with a crown indicating German/Austrian origin, from the early 19th

century. A handmade, velvet-lined walnut box was donated by Elsie Fetter in 1950 to house the spoon.

A special presentation was made during the luncheon, a check for $300 from the Cooking Club to the Library's Staff Relations Office to make money available during the holidays to needy Library employees. Accepting the check (left) is Barbara Young, Staff Relations Office, from Vivian Fitzgerald, club treasurer, and Arnie Bellefontaine, outgoing president.

The Cooking Club began in 1949 with fewer than a dozen members and currently has more than 100. An 11-page pamphlet entitled, *The First 15 Years, 1949–64,* by Dorothy Eaton, records the early history of the club. A scrapbook was begun in 1975 by Ann Tresek, in which many of the club's papers and memorabilia have been gathered from former members throughout the United States. Among the papers are tributes from many local organizations, such as the American Red Cross and Howard University, thanking the Cooking Club for its services. The club has donated thousands of dollars to the hungry and needy through its Philanthropic Program. This year the recipients of checks drawn on the club's treasury were:

Zacchaeus Kitchen, So That Some Might Eat (SOME), Martha's Table, and Meals-On-Wheels at a local Presbyterian Church.

Nancy B. Galbraith Earns 25-Year Federal Service Award

Nancy B. Galbraith, special assistant in poetry in the Poetry Office, was presented a 25-year Federal Service Award pin on December 30 by John C. Broderick, assistant librarian for Research Services, at a ceremony attended by several of her coworkers.

Mrs. Galbraith came to the Library in 1964 as poetry assistant in the Poetry Office. In 1968 she went to the Reference Division of the Copyright Office as a bibliographer. The following year she became assistant head of the Information and Publications Section. In 1970 she returned to the Poetry Office as special assistant in poetry and in 1973 received an outstanding performance rating and quality increase. For three and a half years following her college graduation, she had been with the Central Intelligence Agency.

She holds a bachelor of arts degree *cum laude* from Bryn Mawr College, where she majored in English literature and graduated in 1951, and a master of arts degree in art therapy, which she received in 1980 from the George Washington University after pursuing graduate work there for several years part time while working full time at the Library.

In off-duty hours, Mrs. Galbraith has occasionally read her poems in public programs in the District of Columbia area. She has published an article and several book reviews in the *American Journal of Art Therapy,* done volunteer work in art therapy at Capitol Hill Hospital, and developed for adult beginners a five-week drawing course called "I Can't Draw!" which she teaches annually at the Cedar Lane Unitarian Church in Bethesda, Md.

Staff Activities

Henriette D. Avram, assistant librarian for Processing Services, was a featured speaker at a meeting of the New York Technical Services Librarians on December 6. She presented an overview of activities in the Processing Services Office with an update on the status of ongoing programs and highlights of the most recent developments.

Robert W. Schaaf, senior specialist in United Nations and International Documents, Serial and Government Publications Division, spoke on December 9 at a session of the 92nd annual conference of the New York Library Association held in New York City. The topic of the meeting was "International Documents," and Mr. Schaaf discussed the acquisition, organization, and servicing of the Library's huge collection of international organization materials. Even with the Library's extensive collections, he pointed out that it is often necessary to utilize a network of contacts in international organizations and U.S. Government offices in order to meet the diverse needs of the many types of researchers seeking assistance.

Donald G. Shomette, visual information specialist, Printing and Processing Section, is the author of a monograph entitled *The Othello Affair.* This 44-page publication, published by Calvert Marine Museum Press, details the last act of piracy under sail on the Chesapeake Bay, in August 1807, and the diplomatic controversy which arose as a consequence between Napoleonic France and the United States. The work is illustrated, annotated, fully indexed, and features a map of events. Mr. Shomette has been a research associate of the Calvert Marine Museum since 1981.

William J. Welsh, The Deputy Librarian of Congress, participated in the first meeting of the Library Science Advisory Committee of the University of Michigan's School of Library Science on December 20. The purpose of the committee is to assist in defining and articulating the school's mission and role at the university, in the library profession, and in the emerging world of information management, and to explore ways in which the school can become more interdisciplinary and build or strengthen bridges with business, government and information-oriented disciplines on campus. The committee was appointed by Robert M. Warner, dean of the School of Library Science, who chaired the meeting, and includes representatives of major research, public, and state libraries, University Microfilms, and other schools within the University of Michigan.

Charles H. Whittier, specialist in religion and public policy, Congressional Research Service, appeared on December 18 and Christmas Day on the American Business Network's national television program, "Ask Washington" to discuss the history and lore of Christmas. The program is broadcast to 656 cable systems in 48 states and Canada and is carried by an ad hoc network of independent stations. Earlier, he discussed the origins of Thanksgiving for an overseas broadcast by the Voice of America.

Sherlock Searcher's Big Bang

Sherlock has his own version of a big bang theory to account for the books, such as those listed here, which have been repeatedly requested by readers and futilely sought by searchers: somebody has them, and didn't charge them in the Central Charge File. "No!" you gasp in amazement, and "Imagine that!" you marvel at the symmetry, perfection, and beauty of his leap of intuition. Or are you a scoffer, only muttering "What a dumb theory!" under your breath? In either case, can you prove him wrong? (Or right?) If so, please contact him. He keeps his powder dry daily in Alcove 7, Main Reading Room, or you may leave a message with his cannoneers on ext. 7-7427, Collections Management Division.

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  Ancient Calendars and Constellations. 1903.
  QB 16 .P73

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  Hermes. Volume 1, *La Communication.* 1968.
  P 91 .S4

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Personnel Changes

Appointments: Janice Brown, accounting technician, GT-4, Photodup, 50479; Yi Ching Chen, secretary, GS-7, Far Eastern Law, 50521; Forest A. Hall, reference librarian, GS-9, GRR, NP; Nancy K. Mason, research assistant, GS-7, FRD, 40816; Sigrid Milner, subject cataloger, GS-9, Subj Cat, 50412; Marianna Riordan, cataloger, GS-9, Shared Cat, 50457; Sylvia Streeter, social science analyst, GS-7, CRS Gov, 50205; Patrick H. Walsh, library technician, GT-4, Photodup, 50567.

Temporary Appointments: Robert Conway, clerk/typist, GS-3, LSSO, NP; Rozana V. Ijeomah, library aid, GS-1, CRS L, 50581; Andrea White, graded assistant, GS-9, APLO, NP.

Resignations: Ilse Akerbergs, Shared Cat; Angel Aponte, Desc Cat; Carol Baxter, CRS C; Robin Bradford, FRD; Rachelle Bundy, Ser; Robert Conway, LSSO; James Glover, Jr., CS; Roxanne Hackley, Col Mgmt; Garland Holloway, CRS C; Tracy Jenkins, NLS/BPH; Zbigniew Kantorosinski, Subj Cat; Cassandra Kelly, Cop Acq & Proc; Paula Kenney, Ser Rec; Amy Kerka-Struble, FRD; Suzanne Levesque, Ch Lit; Dominik Nargele, FRD; Ruth Nieland, NLS/BPH; Lawrence Taylor-Weeks, GRR; Chester Turner III, FMO; Arthur White, LSSO; Wayne Wright, ASO.

National Library of Thailand, who examined in detail progress toward the computerized compilation of the national bibliography of Thailand during the past decade. Mrs. Kullasap pointed out that many of the problems are the same as those encountered by other national libraries in Asia: the comprehensive acquisition of national imprints; the adoption of standardized rules for cataloging and classification; the development and adoption of a Thai MARC format; the development of a computer system capable of handling non-Roman alphabet scripts; the specialized problems in the computer processing of Thai script data; and the development of a network of contributing libraries.

The conferees heard a paper by Serafin D. Quiason, Director, National Library of the Philippines, on "Interlibrary Cooperation and Resource Sharing for Asia and the Pacific and the Philippine Experience." Dr. Quiason pointed out that because national libraries in the region are at various stages of growth and development, it is asking too much of the less developed institutions to speak meaningfully of "resource sharing" when they are faced with such elementary problems as shortage of funding for basic services, lack of trained personnel, and insufficiency of national imprints for exchange. He prescribed "commitment, additional funding, hard work, and a great deal of goodwill" if libraries wished to see resource sharing become a reality.

On the issue of funding for library development, Andrea P. Carlos, Librarian, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila, described the role of the ADB in financing through loans capital expenditures for library buildings, room equipment, furnishings, books, and audio-visual materials, noting that the bank thus far has supported 33 projects, primarily in the form of loans to the educational projects which contain library components. ADB also provides technical assistance. A recent example was designing an audio-visual center as part of a Technical Education Project for Sri Lanka.

The Regional Network for the Exchange of Information and Experience in Science and Technology in Asia and the Pacific—commonly referred to by its acronym, ASTINFLO—was the subject of a progress report presented by Susanne Ornager, associate expert in information services and systems, Unesco Regional Office in Jakarta. ASTINFLO, according to Mrs. Ornager, is a Unesco project involved in such projects as the development of regional scientific and technological information databases and networks and training of information specialists and users. The ASTINFLO Regional Secretariat was established in 1984 in the Unesco Regional Office in Jakarta to maintain liaison and coordinate projects with member states. Yoke-Lan Wicks, Deputy Director, National Library of Singapore, described ambitious attempts by the government since 1983 to establish a national bibliographic database network called the Singapore Integrated Library Automation System (SILAS). SILAS, administered by the National Library of Singapore, will utilize WLN software. Bruce Royan, formerly of the Scottish Libraries Cooperative Automation Project, was appointed director in November 1985. By the end of 1989, according to Mrs. Wicks' projections, there should be 21 libraries participating in the SILAS network.

Two papers focused on library education and training. Mastini Hardjo Prakoso, Director, National Library of Indonesia, pointed to past efforts to promote regional library education programs, to upgrade the status of librarians, to improve professional skills, to establish standards on library education, and to provide on-the-job training. She suggested that it was time to go beyond studies and resolutions to actual programs. In this and other proposals relating to regional cooperation in library and information services, Mrs. Mastini was supported by Shinji Matsumoto, program specialist, Program on General Information, Unesco, Paris, who emphasized Unesco's commitment to the support of regional programs. In his paper, "Library Education and Manpower Development in Pakistan," Abdul Hafeez Akhtar, Director, National Library of Pakistan, traced the history of library education in his country, noting that national planning to produce suitable personnel resources for all library needs was a critical problem not always well managed, and that while progress had been made in Pakistan in raising the status and pay of librarians, there remained problem areas such as the equivalences of certificates and degrees in library science.

K. D. G. Wimalaratne, Deputy Director, National Archives of Sri Lanka, addressed preservation and conservation problems of library materials ranging from printed books and palm leaf manuscripts to magnetic tapes and microforms in the tropical climate of Sri Lanka. While the need to adopt appropriate measures—such as installing 24-hour air conditioning or building a mass deacidification facility—are clearly understood, financial constraints typical of Third World countries stand as major barriers to effective implementation.

Reports on three national libraries represented by official observers were received with keen interest by the delegates. Alexander Wilson, Director-General, Reference Division, British Library, spoke on the Asia-related concerns of libraries in the United Kingdom with special reference to microfilming projects of the British Library to provide South Asian imprints found in London but not available in the former British colonies of the region. Warren Tsuneishi, director for area studies, Library of Congress (LC), and John C. Crawford,

LC field director, New Delhi, reported on the enormous resources for the scholarly study of Asia in America's national library. E. A. Fenelonov, Deputy Director, V. I. Lenin State Library of the U.S.S.R., described the primary role assigned the Lenin Library by law in the unified library system of the Soviet Union which counts over 3,000,000 libraries of various types belonging to numerous ministries, agencies, and organizations.

In the closing plenary session, the conference adopted 12 recommendations dealing with strengthening of national libraries in the region, adoption of legal deposit or copyright laws where necessary, adoption of new technologies as appropriate, support of less developed national libraries especially in training programs, a Unesco study to formulate plans for a model national library, collection and exchange of national publications, deposit of international agency publications with national libraries, provision of ADB loans directly for library development, acquisition of national heritage publications, subregional projects in South Asia, Arabic manuscripts in Pakistan and the Maldives, and preservation.

It is expected that the fourth conference in the series will be hosted by the National Library of China in Beijing in 1987. In the interim, the conference secretariat will remain at the Sri Lanka National Library Services Board, 7 Independence Avenue, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka. The secretariat will compile and publish the proceedings of the third conference.

The delegates gratefully acknowledged the assistance rendered by Unesco, the Asia Foundation, and the National Library of Sri Lanka in sponsoring the conference. A special vote of thanks was cast for Mr. Amarasinghe, director of the host national library, and Mrs. Indivari Munasinghe, conference secretary.

The program of activities included tours of the National Library of Sri Lanka, now under construction, and the National Museum, as well as an excursion to Kandy to visit the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple, to partake of a luncheon hosted by the Mayor of Kandy and the Sri Lanka Library Association, and to visit a library of Buddhist palm leaf manuscripts, the University of Peradeniya Main Library, and a childrens' library. At the latter, a spot check of the date stamps of a dozen books in Sinhalese, Tamil, and English randomly selected from the shelves showed that 10 had been circulated during 1985. The chief librarian confirmed the high degree of use of the collections, explaining that children in the neighborhood flock to the library after school. This suggests that at least for the children of Kandy the government's ambitious program of national library development referred to by Prime Minister Premadasa in the opening ceremony is working effectively.

—Warren Tsuneishi

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Subsequently he served as assistant executive director and economist of the National Commission on New Technological Uses of Copyright Works (CONTU) and executive director of the American National Standards Committee Z39 (now the National Information Standards Organization).

National Referral Center Publication

Copies of the following publication may be obtained free on request from the National Referral Center, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540, provided that requesters enclose a self-addressed mailing label:

Who Knows?—Selected Information Resources on Energy in the Home (SL 85-1). July 1985. (28 p.) Compiled by John A. Feulner of the National Referral Center, this is a descriptive lisiting that provides the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and other particulars about 50 organizations that are willing to answer questions or provide information on various aspects of the title topic, which is imaginatively interpreted to include heating, cooling, ventilation, insulation, lighting, and solar applications. Among the particulars given for each organization are its areas of interest, holdings or data files, publications, and information capabilities and services. There is an organization names index.

Revised Edition of *Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings* Available

A revised edition of the *Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings* is now available from the Cataloging Distribution Service. This looseleaf publication replaces the preliminary edition published in 1984. More than half of the pages from the earlier edition have been revised, and almost 150 new pages added.

The revised edition contains approximately 600 pages including about 200 separate instruction sheets. Major revisions reflect the implementation of the Subject Cataloging Division's new policies for the creation of "see also" references, and the discontinuation of the so-called "city flip" in subject cataloging practice. Significant new material includes lists of subdivisions that may be used under names of individual persons, corporate bodies, families, place names, and military services. Other topics include composers, manuscripts, parks, railroads, streets, and strikes.

The purpose of the manual is to provide a set of guidelines for cataloging library materials in the Subject Cataloging Division of the Library of Congress. The manual should be especially useful to libraries

engaged in cooperative projects with the Library. Reference librarians may want to consult it in order to better understand why certain headings are assigned to particular works. Being aware of Library of Congress subject heading practice should make it easier to develop successful search strategies for subjects of interest. Library school students should find the work useful as an aid to learning subject cataloging rules and practices.

The *Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings. Revised Edition* is priced at $30. Copies can be obtained by writing to the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20541.

Library Publishes Guide to Records of FSA Documentary Photographic Unit

A guide to the written records of the documentary photographic unit of the Farm Security Administration is now available without charge from the Library of Congress. Although principally a contents list for the collection microfilm distributed by the Library of Congress Photoduplication Service, the 48-page illustrated booklet includes information on the scope and provenance of the records and a listing of related materials in other repositories. *Farm Security Administration, Historical Section: A Guide to Textual Records in the Library of Congress* was prepared by Annette Melville of the Prints and Photographs Division.

The Historical Section created the best known and most extensive pictorial record of American life in the 1930s and early 1940s. Begun 50 years ago under Roy E. Stryker, this pioneering government photographic project employed such photographers as Jack Delano, Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange, Russell Lee, Arthur Rothstein, Ben Shahn, and Marion Post Wolcott. The written records document the internal workings of the Washington office from its inception under the Resettlement Administration, through its transfer to the Farm Security Administration, and reorganization under the Office of War Information. The collection complements materials held by the National Archives and the University of Louisville. Both the photographic and written records were transferred to the Library of Congress in 1945 and may be consulted in the Prints and Photographs Division.

Farm Security Administration, Historical Section is available free upon request from the Central Services Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

Report from a Meeting of the CNLIA

The semiannual meeting of the Council of National Library and Information Associations (CNLIA) was held in New York City on November 8. Theodore Wiener, Judaica cataloger in the Subject Cataloging Division, attended as councillor for the Association of Jewish Libraries and wrote the following report.

The program dealt with the narrowing access the public has to government information. It was presented by Anne Heanue, associate director of the Washington, D.C., Office of ALA, and Patricia Glass Schuman, president of Neal-Schuman Publishers. There is a convergence of budget constraints and the new technologies which makes it easier to confine information to databases rather than to old-fashioned printed books. Also the contracting-out of information distribution raises the price to the public considerably. Since last March, for instance, the Merit Systems Protection Board has ceased publishing its decisions in bound volumes. These had been available to the public in the 472 depository libraries throughout the country and could be purchased from the Government Printing Office for about $55 a year. Under the new arrangement, private publishers offer the material in various formats at prices ranging from $250 to $498 a year.

This is just one example among many. In recent years budget cuts have reduced the number of government publications, brought sharp increases in prices to those still published, and by the system of contracting-out made them more difficult to obtain. More details can be found in the pamphlet, *Less Access to Less Information by and about the U.S. Government,* published by the Washington Office of ALA in December 1984, with a supplement in June 1985.

It was on CNLIA's initiative that *The Bowker Annual of Library and Book Trade Information* was issued originally, and its sponsorship is still recognized on the title page of each successive volume. To have a greater input into its contents an advisory committee had been appointed at the May meeting of this year. At its suggestion, articles on archives will appear in the next edition.

In order to be of greater service to its member associations, the council resolved to sponsor an informal get-together of organization presidents and executives at the annual meeting of the American Library Association this summer, so that the leadership of the council would have a better understanding of their needs and how these can be met by CNLIA.

Report from Workshop on Cataloging Government Documents

Approximately 80 librarians attended a Cataloging Government Documents Workshop on October 21 in the Mumford Room of the Library of Congress

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Meetings and Events Around the Library

Tuesday, January 28

☐ "Benjamin Brown French—Public and Private Life of a 19th-Century Washingtonian," John McDonough, Manuscript Division. Special Interest Group on American Studies. Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

Thursday, January 30

☐ "Fiddle Tunes of the Old Frontier: Toward a Fresh view of Instrumental Music in America," Alan Jabbour, director, American Folklife Center. Whittall Pavilion, 12 noon.

Friday, January 31

☐ An exhibition on *Porgy and Bess,* to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its first performance, will open at the Performing Arts Library at the Kennedy Center.

Saturday, February 1

☐ "Music from Marlboro," Spring Concert Series. Coolidge Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 4

☐ "Acquisition and Processing of Federal Documents," Alma Mather, Federal Documents Section, Exchange and Gift Division. Special Interest Group on Library Science. LC Professional Association. Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

Friday, February 7

☐ The Beaux Arts Trio. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Events are open to the public unless otherwise specified.

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Madison Building. This event was jointly sponsored by the Federal Library and Information Center Committee and the District of Columbia Library Association, Government Documents Interest Group, and Technical Services Interest Group.

Barbara Higgenbotham, head of technical services at Columbia University Libraries, described the concepts and provided examples contained within the American Library Association's (ALA's) new publication *Cataloging Government Documents* (c. 1984). Her presentation contained logical interpretations of the cataloging rules, based upon her extensive experience in cataloging and instruction.

The afternoon session was co-chaired by Marion MacGilvray and Gil Baldwin from the Government Printing Office (GPO). Mrs. MacGilvray provided specific examples of GPO cataloging for monographs, and Mr. Baldwin explained the nuances in cataloging government maps.

Ben Tucker, chief, Office of Descriptive Cataloging Policy, Library of Congress, summarized the procedures for the Library's interpretation of the rules. Mr. Tucker encouraged healthy constructive interaction between the Government Documents Round Table of ALA, the Library of Congress, and GPO regarding various rules for cataloging government documents.

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